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1. COMPLETE, BUT UNOFFICIAL, RESULTS OF THE JUNE 5
TURKISH NATIONAL ELECTIONS, AS PUBLISHED IN JUNE 8 PRESS,
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RESULTS.
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PARTY	SEATS IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	PERCENTAGE OF VOTE
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP)	213	41.4
JUSTICE PARTY (JP)	189	36.9
NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP)	24	8.6
NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP)	16	6.4
REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR)	3	1.9

DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP)	1	1.8
TURKISH UNITY PARTY (TUP)	-	0.4
TURKISH LABOR PARTY (TLP)	-	0.1
INDEPENDENTS	4	2.5

B. SENATE RESULTS (ONE-THIRD OF ELECTIVE SEATS INVOLVED)

PARTY	SENATE SEATS OF VOTE	PERCENTAGE
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP)	28	42.4
JUSTICE PARTY (JP)	21	38.3
NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP)	1	8.5
NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP)	-	6.6
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP)	-	2.2
REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR)	-	1.9
INDEPENDENTS	-	0.1

THE SENATE'S NEW POLITICAL COMPOSITION WILL BE: RPP - 77, JP - 65, NSP - SIX, RR - FOUR, NAP - ONE, INDEPENDENT - ONE; UNAFFILIATED MEMBERS OF 15-MEMBER PRESIDENTIALLY-APPOINTED CONTINGENT - 11, LIFE SENATORS - 19. (TOTAL 184) THESE RESULTS GIVE THE RPP A SENATE PLURALITY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

C. PARTICIPATION. IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

15,390,444 PERSONS VOTED, 72 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORATE (UP FROM 67 PERCENT IN 1973).

2. RPP LEADER ECEVIT, IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS JUNE 7, CALLED THE ELECTION RESULTS A SUCCESS FOR THE RPP AND SAID THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FORMING UNCLASSIFIED

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A NEW GOVERNMENT HAD FALLEN ON THE RPP. "UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT MUST NOT BE DELAYED." ECEVIT STATED. "UPON BEING GIVEN THE DUTY, I WILL IMMEDIATELY BEGIN MY LABORS FOR THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT."

3. IN REMARKS TO THE PRESS JUNE 7 AFTER HIS TWENTY-MINUTE "COURTESY CALL" ON THE NAP LEADER, DEP. PRIMIN TURKES, PRIMIN DEMIREL SAID THAT, GIVEN THE ELECTION RESULTS, ONLY A COALITION GOVERNMENT IS POSSIBLE AND DECLARED THAT NO MINORITY GOVERNMENT COULD GET A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. "THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS NOT, AS EVERYONE THOUGHT, AN RPP GOVERNMENT," DEMIREL SAID. "THE NATION DID NOT DELIVER THE COUNTRY TO THE LEFT. THE VOTES ON THE RIGHT TOTAL 58 PERCENT. THEREFORE THE GOVERNMENT...HAS COME OUT OF THE ELECTIONS STRENGTHENED...IN THE COMING DAYS THERE WILL BE LOVELY THINGS." (ACTUALLY THE FOUR PARTIES OF THE GOVERNING NATIONALIST FRONT COLLECTIVELY WON 232 SEATS AND 53.8 PERCENT OF THE VOTE.)

4. CURRENT SPECULATION ABOUT GOVERNMENT FORMATION FOCUSES ON THE NSP, WHICH, DESPITE HAVING LOST MORE THAN HALF ITS PARLIAMENTARY STRENGTH, SEEMS GENERALLY REGARDED AS POTENTIALLY THE KEY TO THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT LED BY EITHER MAJOR PARTY. CHAIRMAN ERBAKAN IS TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THE MORNING OF JUNE 8, REPORTEDLY TO ANNOUNCE HIS PARTY'S POSITION. NSP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN RECAI KUTAN WAS QUOTED IN THE JUNE 8 HURRIYET AS SAYING THAT HIS PARTY COULD FORM A GOVERNMENT WITH EITHER OF THE MAJOR PARTIES. ON JUNE 8 THE NSP DAILY, MILLI GAZETE, CALLED AN RPP-NSP GOVERNMENT MORE LIKELY THAN A DEMIREL-LED GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH THE NSP MIGHT BE ABLE TO JOIN THE LATTER IF DEMIREL WITHDRAWS ALL ACCUSATIONS HE MADE AGAINST THE NSP DURING THE CAMPAIGN. MACOMBER

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